

business when authorized by the Secretary of the Interior or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, March 2, 1929.

CHAP. 512.—An Act Directing that copies of certain patent specifications and drawings be supplied to the public library of the City of Los Angeles at the regular annual rate.

March 2, 1929.
[H. R. 14663.]
[Public, No. 938.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Patents is authorized and directed to supply to the public library of the city of Los Angeles, at the regular rate of \$50 per annum prescribed by law for public libraries of the United States, uncertified printed copies of patent specifications and drawings published during the years 1915 to 1925, inclusive: *Provided*, That the public library of the city of Los Angeles shall pay to the Commissioner of Patents the sum of \$2,500, which sum shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 6, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes at Large, page 512; United States Code, title 35, section 79).

Los Angeles, Calif.
Uncertified copies of patent specifications, 1915 to 1925, to be furnished library of, at annual rate.

Proviso.
Payment from library to be deposited in the Treasury.
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U. S. Code, p. 1172.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for clerical services, stationery, and supplies for carrying into effect this Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, \$2,500, to be expended by the Commissioner of Patents.

Sum authorized for expenses by Commissioner of Patents.
Post, p. 1637.

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CHAP. 513.—An Act Authorizing L. L. Thompson, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Red River at or near Montgomery, Louisiana.

March 2, 1929.
[H. R. 16725.]
[Public, No. 939.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, L. L. Thompson, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto, across the Red River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Montgomery, Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Red River.
L. L. Thompson may bridge, at Montgomery, La.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. After the completion of such bridge, as determined by the Secretary of War, either the State of Louisiana, any political subdivision thereof within or adjoining which any part of such bridge is located, or any two or more of them jointly, may at any time acquire and take over all right, title, and interest in such bridge and its approaches, and any interest in real property necessary therefor, by purchase or by condemnation or expropriation, in accordance with the laws of such State governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation or expropriation. If at any time after the expiration of five years after the completion of such bridge the same is acquired by condemnation or expropriation, the amount of damages or compensation to be allowed shall not include good will, going value, or prospective revenues or profits, but shall be limited to the sum of (1) the actual cost of constructing such bridge and its approaches, less a reasonable deduc-

Acquisition authorized, after completion, by Louisiana, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.

Compensation if acquired by condemnation.

Limitations.

Tolls under State,
etc., operation.

Rates applied to oper-
ation, sinking fund,
etc.

Maintenance as free
bridge, etc., after amor-
tizing costs, etc.

Record of expendi-
tures and receipts.

Sworn statement of
construction costs, etc.,
to be filed after com-
pletion.

Examination by Sec-
retary of War.

Findings of Secretary
conclusive.

Right to sell, etc.,
conferred.

Construction con-
tracts to be let to lowest
bidder.

Advertising, etc.

tion for actual depreciation in value; (2) the actual cost of acquiring such interests in real property; (3) actual financing and promotion cost, not to exceed 10 per centum of the sum of the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches and acquiring such interests in real property; and (4) actual expenditures for necessary improvements.

SEC. 3. If such bridge shall at any time be taken over or acquired by the State of Louisiana, or by any municipality or other political subdivision or public agency thereof, under the provisions of section 2 of this Act, and if tolls are thereafter charged for the use thereof, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid therefor, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the date of acquiring the same. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management. An accurate record of the amount paid for acquiring the bridge and its approaches, the actual expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 4. L. L. Thompsen, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, shall, within ninety days after the completion of such bridge, file with the Secretary of War and with the highway department of the State of Louisiana, a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches, the actual cost of acquiring any interest in real property necessary therefor, and the actual financing and promotion costs. The Secretary of War may, and at the request of the highway department of the State of Louisiana shall, at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, investigate such costs and determine the accuracy and the reasonableness of the costs alleged in the statement of costs so filed, and shall make a finding of the actual and reasonable costs of constructing, financing, and promoting such bridge; for the purpose of such investigation the said L. L. Thompsen, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, shall make available all of his records in connection with the construction, financing, and promotion thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to the reasonable costs of the construction, financing, and promotion of the bridge shall be conclusive for the purposes mentioned in section 2 of this Act, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

SEC. 5. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to L. L. Thompsen, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns; and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

SEC. 6. All contracts made in connection with the construction of the bridge authorized by this Act and which shall involve the expenditure of more than \$5,000 shall be let by competitive bidding. Such contracts shall be advertised for a reasonable time in some newspaper of general circulation published in the State in which the bridge is located and in the vicinity thereof; sealed bids shall be

required, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Verified copies or abstracts of all bids received and of the bid or bids accepted shall be promptly furnished to the highway department of the State in which such bridge is located. A failure to comply in good faith with the provisions of this section shall render null and void any contract made in violation thereof; and the Secretary of War may, after hearings, order the suspension of all work upon such bridge until the provisions of this section shall have been fully complied with.

Contracts void for violations.

SEC. 7. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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CHAP. 514.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the city of Chattanooga and the county of Hamilton, Tennessee, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Tennessee River, at or near Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.

March 2, 1929.

[H. R. 16719.]
[Public, No. 940.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the city of Chattanooga and the county of Hamilton, Tennessee, or any board or commission of the said city and county which may be duly created or established for the purpose, their successors or assigns, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Tennessee River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, extending from some point in the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, across said river to a point on the opposite shore thereof, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in said Act.

Tennessee River.
Chattanooga and
Hamilton County,
Tenn., may bridge, at
Chattanooga.

SEC. 2. The said city of Chattanooga and the county of Hamilton, or such board or commission, their successors and assigns, are authorized to construct, maintain, and operate such bridge and the necessary approaches thereto as a railroad bridge for the passage of railway trains or street cars, or both, or as a highway bridge for the passage of pedestrians, animals, and vehicles, adapted to travel on public highways, or as a combined railroad and highway bridge for all such purposes; and there is hereby conferred upon said city of Chattanooga and the county of Hamilton, or such board or commission, their successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Construction.
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Character of bridge.

Right to acquire real
estate, etc., for location,
approaches, etc.

Condemnation pro-
ceedings.

Tolls authorized.

SEC. 3. The said city of Chattanooga and county of Hamilton, or such board or commission and the successors thereof, are hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of tolls so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

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